

Amendments to the Specification:

Please insert the paper copy of the Sequence Listing filed herewith following the Drawings.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 17, that begins with the wording "Partial sequence of.....", as follows:

Partial sequence of 16S rDNA was performed following standard procedures. The DNA of the organism was extracted after homogenization under liquid nitrogen. The 16S rDNA gene was amplified by the polymerase chain reaction using the eubacterial primers 27f and 1492r. The partial sequences were obtained using the primers 357r, 926r, and 1492r. All the primers used in this work were described by Lane, D.J. *Nucleic acid techniques in bacterial systematics*:115, 1991. The partial sequence obtained (SEQ ID NO:1) was: